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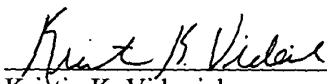
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Support for the amendments to claims 1-16 can be found in, *inter alia*, original claims 1-16. The amendments are intended to correct typographical errors and clarify the claims. Support for new claims 17 and 18 is found at, *inter alia*, page 18, lines 24-31. Support for new claims 19-21 is found at, *inter alia*, page 28, lines 1-24, and page 29, lines 15-24. Claims 17-21 are directed to specific embodiments of the invention. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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